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SUBJECT: UNHCR DELEGATE'S TRAVEL TO VIETNAM

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E) VIENTIANE 4378

1. ALESANDRE CASELLA, SWISS NATIONAL ON ASSIGNMENT FOR UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, IS ARRIVING BANGKOK THIS WEEK EN ROUTE TO SAIGON TO ASSIST WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO SOUTH VIETNAM. CASELLA IS FORMER JOURNALIST (LE MONDE, FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW) ON LEAVE FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT FROM HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN GENEVA.

2. CASELLA HAS PLAYED KEY ROLE WITH RIZVI IN UNHCR'S EFFORTS (REF A) TO ARRANGE FOR REPATRIA-ION OF VIETNAMESE
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REFUGEES, AND WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS WITH HIM COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM REFUGEES IN US WHO WISH TO RETURN TO SOUTH VIETNAM. RIZVI MET WITH DEPTOFFS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 23 TO DESCRIBE RECENT UNHCR EFFORTS IN VIETNAM ON

REPATRIATION AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

3. RIZVI PROVIDED INFORMATION SIMILAR TO REF B ON UNHCR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF AMERICANS AND OTHERS HELD PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND TO ARRANGE FOR RECOVERY OF THE BODIES OF THE TWO MARINES.

4. DEPTOFF (SIEVERTS) HAS SUGGESTED TO CASELLA THAT HE CONTACT AMB. WHITEHOUSE IN BANGKOK TO DISCUSS HIS AND UNHCR'S CONTINUING EFFORTS ON THESE SUBJECTS. SUGGEST EMBASSY GIVE HIM COPY OF UPI REPORT ON THE CAPTURED AMERICANS (REF D) AND INFORMATION BELOW ON THEIR DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH. SUGGEST SPECIAL ATTENTION BE CALLED TO CASE OF JAMES F. LEWIS, ADMIN OFFICER OF CONGEN NHA TRANG, WHO WAS CAPTURED APRIL 16 AT PHAN RANG WHERE HE HAD GONE TO ASSIST VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF THE CONGEN, ON WHOM THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD WHATSOEVER SINCE HIS CAPTURE.

5. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONFIRM TO CASELLA USG'S STRONG INTEREST IN THE RETURN OF THE BODIES OF THE TWO MARINES. RIZVI HAS TOLD US THAT THE PERSON WHO HELPED BURY THE BODIES IS AMCIT MAURICE J. DAUHAHN (SPELLING OF LAST NAME UNCERTAIN), MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AT SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL IN SAIGON, WHO STAYED BEHIND DURING EVACUATION. WE HOPE CASELLA WILL BE ABLE TO CONTACT HIM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHERE BODIES ARE BURIED, AND THAT HE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR RETURN FROM VIETNAM, POSSIBLY BY UNHCR AIRCRAFT TO BANGKOK OR VIENTIANE. NAMES OF DEAD MARINES (KILLED IN ATTACK ON TAN SON NHUT APRIL 29) ARE: CPL. CHARLES MCMAHON, JR., AND LCPL. DARWIN L. JUDGE.

6. FOLLOWING IS DATA ON CAPTURED AMERICANS. ALL EXCEPT LEWIS CAPTURED MARCH 10 AT BAN ME THUOT AND REPORTED HELD IN PLEIKU PROVINCE. MR. AND MRS. JOHNSON ARE CANADIANS. OTHERS CAPTURED AT BMT INCLUDE AUSTRALIAN
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